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Applicant: Erika Hawkins et al.

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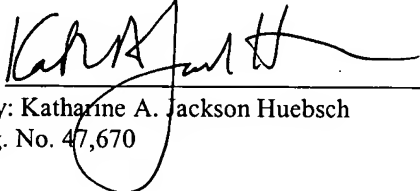
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 14, 2004.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required that Applicants elect one of the following inventions:

Group I, Claims 35-51, drawn to a method for increasing the sensitivity of an assay, classified in class 435, subclass 4; and

Group II, Claims 52-66, drawn to a kit, classified in class 435, subclass 975.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group II, claims 52-66. Claims 35-51 are cancelled, and Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.



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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for examination. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 359-3265 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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